

\$28 Million Shopping Mall Plan Unveiled

SJ Township Planners Host Chicago Developers

Details of a \$28 million enclosed shopping mall and allied commercial development proposed at the Niles road interchange of I-94 were outlined before the St. Joseph township

planning commission last night. Officials of Development Control Corp. of Chicago verbally painted a picture of a 130-acre development with approximately 90 stores built around a J.C.

Penney and two other department stores; a work force of 1,500; some 4,200 parking spaces, and a total annual tax revenue for the county, township and schools of \$666,798.

Two vice presidents of the development firm, Robert W. Taylor and Charles W. Sample, reported they have three-year options on approximately 130 acres in an area bounded by I-94, Hollywood road and Maiden lane—immediately southwest of the interchange.

An enclosed, climatized mall would cover about 686,727 square feet of area—about 15 acres under roof. The mall and its parking areas would take up about 60 acres.

Around the perimeter of the shopping center, the officials of the development firm envisioned office space, a motor hotel, restaurants, bank, gas station, theater, convenience center, medical offices and a 645-unit apartment development.

Sample, in response to a question from Don Masini, secretary of the planning commission said construction could get underway in as soon as a year, but that a more realistic figure would be 18 months.

Development Control Corp. has developed similar shopping centers at Matteson, Ill. (Lincoln Mall); Peoria, Ill. (Northwoods); Chicago (Edgewater Beach Plaza), and Burlington, Vt. (Burlington Square).

The total value of the shopping center alone was estimated at \$14,425,000, and would generate \$331,798 in property taxes annually. The complimentary commercial development around the perimeter would raise another estimated \$335,000 in taxes, for a \$666,798 total, the two development officials said.

J.C. Penney Co. is "very interested," Sample said, in locating in the center. The drawing of the site plan as presented at the meeting showed a Penney store 254 by 482 feet, or 145,827 square feet. Two other department stores were included in the site plan.

The two developers predicted that the proposed shopping center would reverse what they said was a trend now of area people shopping in new malls (See back page, sec. 1, col. 6)

Lake Temperature

The temperature of Lake Michigan at shoreline today is 70 degrees.



DEVELOPERS: Vice Presidents Charles W. Sample (left) and Robert W. Taylor (right) of Development Control Corp. of Chicago outline details of \$28 million enclosed shopping center and allied commercial development their firm proposes to built at Niles

road interchange of I-94. Checking details on site plan with them is Ernest Knauf (center), chairman of St. Joseph township planning commission. Start of construction is seen in 12 to 18 months. (Staff photo).



SIMILAR: Drawing of enclosed, climatized shopping mall developed at another location by Development Control Corp. is similar to huge

development the firm proposes at Niles road interchange of I-94 south of St. Joseph in St. Joseph township.

Furious Martha Bops And Warns Woman Reporter

By JUDY YABLONKY
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Fury got the best of Martha Mitchell Tuesday night when she struck a reporter outside her Fifth Avenue apartment building after chastising the newswoman for crowding her freedom.



MARTHA MITCHELL
Venis Her Fury

"You know you're disgusting because you are imposing on me," Mrs. Mitchell said in the first of two trips downstairs to tell off the Associated Press reporter.

"When I get out of this, the press is going down the line!" she vowed.

In her second appearance, Mrs. Mitchell hit the reporter twice on the top of the head with her open hand and then threatened to "tromp the hell" out of her if the reporter set foot on her doorstep.

Minutes earlier, the wife of the former U.S. attorney general grabbed her doorman's hat and flung it at the reporter, hitting her in the face. The reporter was unhurt.

Mrs. Mitchell returned inside nearly an hour later, after her daughter and another young woman arrived in a chauffeured car and led her, still shouting, into the building.

During her two outings, Mrs. Mitchell sprinkled obscenities through her accusations that reporters camped outside her building, sometimes around the clock, had invaded her privacy and made her a prisoner. At the time the reporter was hit Tuesday night, she was the only newswoman at the Mitchell residence.

"I have never done anything wrong in my life, ever," Mrs. Mitchell said. "I wasn't even sent to the principal's office when I was in school. Go away and forget it."

Newspaper, television and radio reporters have been seeking comment from her husband, John N. Mitchell, (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

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Food Stamp Office Hours Irk Strawberry Growers

BY ALAN AREND
Staff Writer

The method of food stamp distribution to migrants is once again causing concern among area strawberry growers.

The problem is that pickers are sorely needed to harvest this year's crop, and many of the migrants are leaving the fields early in order to stand in line for food stamps.

Monday and Tuesday noon approximately 100 migrant workers could be seen standing in line outside the Berrien County Social Services migrant food stamp center, just south of Berrien Springs.

"Our help had to stand in line for four hours Monday," Grower Ken Stover of Berrien Springs, said. "I don't blame the migrants if the government wants to give it away, but the food stamps should be handed out when they (migrants) can't be in the field picking."

Mrs. Dorothy Reid, deputy director of Berrien Social Services

in Benton Harbor, said "We're working on the problem, but we just don't know what more can be done to correct it."

She indicated that as of this year the department is issuing food stamps to migrants from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., instead of starting at 8 a.m. in the morning.

"The hours were changed for the exact purpose of correcting the situation," she said. Mrs. Reid said extra help has also been put to work at the Berrien Springs food stamp office in an effort to move the line faster.

She welcomed any constructive ideas from growers to help remedy the situation.

With the strawberry harvest now in its peak week in southwestern Michigan an additional 500 workers are needed in the fields, according to Mrs. Amelia Scherer, manager of the Michigan Employment Security Commission's rural manpower office at Scottsdale.

Numerous growers have reported a shortage of harvest help.

Gas Men Picture Themselves As Pawns

DETROIT (AP) — Two independent gas station operators who say they were forced to close stations for lack of gasoline claim they are pawns in an oil industry game.

James Petty of suburban Roseville already has closed four of his five Arco stations and said he expects to close the fifth by the end of the month. He said Atlantic Richfield, his supplier, would sell him only 172,000 gallons this month — 483,000 gallons less than he bought in May.

The 33-year-old Petty has filed a \$500,000 damage suit against the oil company over the allocation system.

Michael Rossman has closed five Detroit-area Saturn Oil Co. stations and said he will close his remaining eight soon because of a lack of gas.

A recent survey by the Michigan Automobile Club said one out of four gas stations is dealing with some distributor-imposed restrictions and some are limiting the amount of gas customers can buy.

"The outcome of this, whatever the cause, is that the small, independent dealers are being driven out of the market," Petty said. "They just can't find gas. Somewhere along the line something is happening to a lot

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WAITING FOR FOOD STAMPS: Approximately 100 migrant workers stand in line prior to opening of

food stamp office, just south of Berrien Springs, Tuesday at 1 p.m. Demand for strawberry pickers

in southwestern Michigan is very high and growers feel later food stamp distribution time is needed,

so migrants can spend their time in the fields instead of waiting in line for food stamps.

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

"Your mother and I just ASSUMED that your college roommate's name was spelled 'F-r-a-n-c-E-s'!"

THE HERALD-PRESS

Twin City
Highlights

ST. JOSEPH, MICH. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 1973

Six Candidates In BH August Primary Vote

Benton Harbor voters in the Aug. 6 primary election will elect a field of six commissioner-at-large candidates to four.

The top four vote-getters will

compete for two commission seats in the municipal general election in November.

Other issues in the Aug. 7 election are:

—A request for a cable television antenna franchise in the city.

—A request by the Benton Harbor school district for 3 ad-

ditional mills in operating taxes. The entire Benton Harbor school district will vote on the millage.

The six commissioner-at-large candidates who qualified for the primary by the 4 p.m. deadline yesterday are:

F. Joseph Flaugh and Edward Merrill, both incumbents; Carl Brown, currently second ward commissioner, but seeking an at-large seat; James Dudley; Joe L. Davis; and Hershel McKenzie.

A primary is necessitated when more than double the number of candidates to be elected file nominating petitions.

City Clerk Evelyn Grenawitzke said there would be no ward candidates involved in the primary, although a legal opinion is expected in the fourth ward, where Bonita Branscomb and Ocie Mitchell, filed petitions.

The test is believed being imposed by Mitchell, who fell short of the necessary 25 signatures from residents of that ward. He had more than the 25—a total of 36 names—but others were from other parts of the city.

The question is whether a candidate for a ward commission seat must secure petition signatures only from that ward, or can obtain signatures city-wide. There is no apparent prohibition against going city-wide in the present charter. However, on election day, only residents of a ward can ballot on a ward candidate from that ward.

Mrs. Grenawitzke said the city attorney was asked Monday to check into the nominating petition matter for ward candidates.

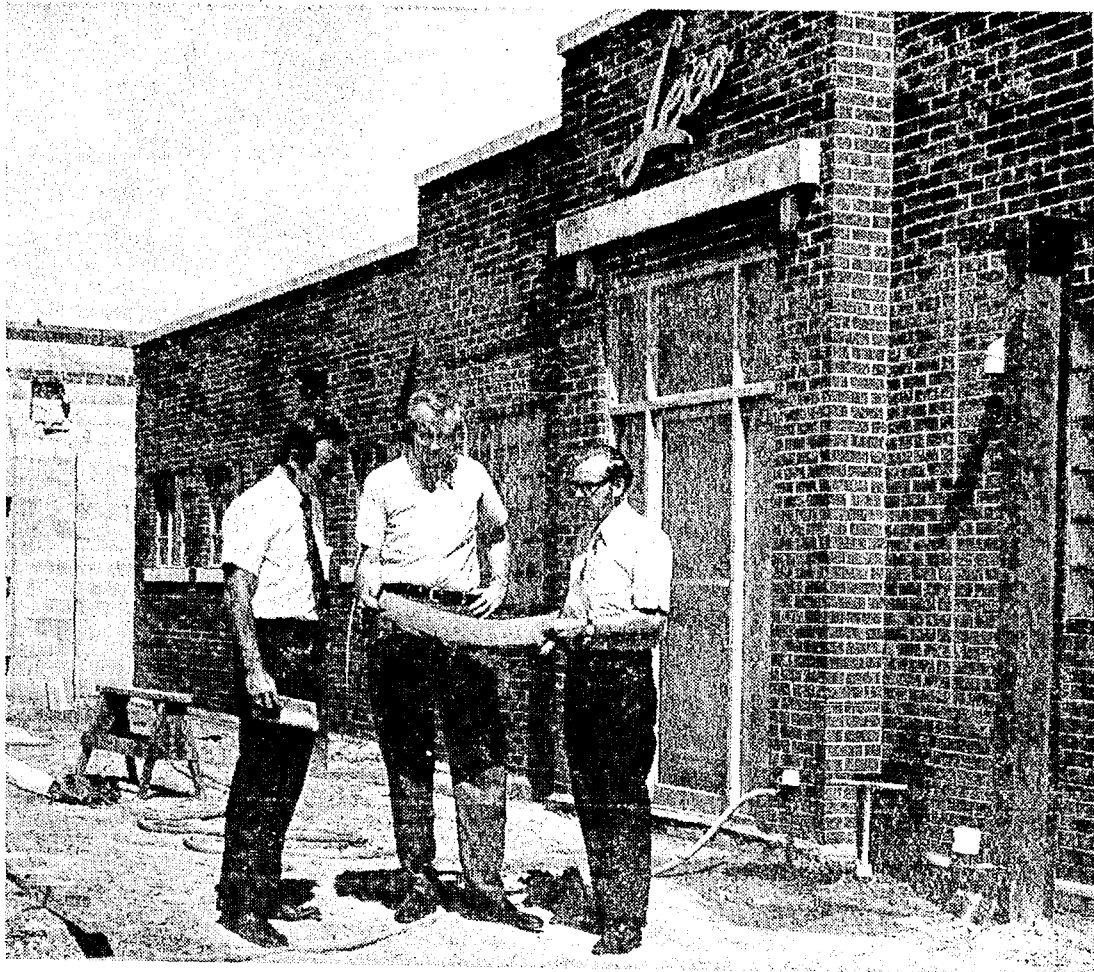
She said Mitchell had signatures of 24 fourth ward electors and could have had 25, merely by signing his own name to the petition.

Mrs. Branscomb currently holds the fourth ward seat, through appointment.

In the other ward contest, Winston M. Minott and Wilce Cooke will contest for the post. Incumbent Daniel Chapman did not seek reelection.

Ward supervisors (the tax board of review) who filed petitions, are: T.J. Carter, first ward; Elizabeth Minott, third ward; and Mrs. Lula Lee, fourth ward. There were no candidates for the second ward supervisor post, which can be filled by write-in ballot next November, Mrs. Grenawitzke said. Mrs. Lee was the last to formally enter the election picture, as her husband, Harry Lee, brought in the petitions at one minute to four.

Candidate for constable is incumbent Richard Garlanger.



WHERE EVERYTHING GOES: Richard Klass (left), national service manager, and Guenther H. Helling, (right) technical service manager, check with William Stockwell on how new addition to Leco will be utilized. Stockwell is director of domestic sales for Leco. (Staff photo)

Leco Adding Service Unit To Laboratory Building

Leco Corp., St. Joseph, will install a new national service department in a 6,500 square foot addition to its service laboratory.

William E. Stockwell, director of domestic sales, said the national service department will be housed in the new addition with Richard Klass as manager.

The expansion also will open more space for the technical service laboratory, managed by Guenther Helling. The service lab handles commercial analytical services, sales demonstrations and training.

The technical service laboratory at the corner of Hilltop road and South State street originally was the main office of Laboratory Equipment Co. and Leco Plating. (Leco Corp. is the new name for Laboratory Equipment Co.)

Following several sizeable additions to both production and office areas, the original office was converted to a laboratory and used for training technicians for Leco's world-wide operations.

Leco manufactures sophisticated instruments for the analysis

of metal.

Stockwell said the technical service laboratory expansion will provide more room for commercial analytical services, display and demonstration of Leco instrument in four areas: analytical, metallographic, spectroscopy and metallurgical microscopy.

Included in the new facility will be a conference room seating 35 persons and equipped with closed circuit television facilities for training sessions.

Leco's technical services department is moving deeper into the global task of providing analytical instruments for foundries and the steel industry in both industrialized nations and developing countries.

The company has more than doubled its production and office space in the last decade.

Its world wide sales earned a coveted "E" (for Export) award from the United States Department of Commerce.

Leco employment has just topped the 450 mark. Holland Construction Co., a next door neighbor, is general contractor for the new addition.



THREE SISTERS: This 10-week-old trio of Beagles should be ready for fall hunting with the right kind of coaching. They are up for adoption at the Humane Society shelter, 641 South Crystal avenue, Benton township. They are females and persons intending to adopt them should provide the right kind of care. Many animal shelter officials and veterinarians urge that females be spayed to prevent bringing unwanted dogs into the world, unless they are going to be bred under controlled conditions. (Staff photo)

Gard Teachers To Tell Of Work With Handicapped

BY DICK DERRICK
SJ City Editor

The accomplishments teachers and specialists perform daily at Lakeview Gard school in St. Joseph will be the topic of a report to be presented at state and national meetings on teaching children with multiple handicaps.

A group of teachers from Lakeview Gard will attend a state conference on federal Title VI projects which is a program to teach the handicapped. The conference will be Thursday and Friday in Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Mary Wilhelmson, principal of Gard school; Mrs. Jack Zimmerman, RPT; and Mrs. Philip Duncan, will give a report on the outcome of the Title VI project here.

Mrs. Zimmerman will deliver the same report at the American Physical Therapists national convention in Houston, Texas, June 28-29.

The reports will be on the success the Gard teachers have in instructing youngsters who cannot walk, talk, hear, use their arms, or see, who are also

mentally retarded. They are taught or encouraged to make the best use of the facilities they do have.

Lakeview Gard is operated by the St. Joseph school district under contract with the Berrien Intermediate district. Students are from inside and outside of the St. Joseph district.

The specific project conducted at Lakeview Gard school was a team teaching approach whereby the therapist works in close conjunction with the teacher to help a youngster not only exercise but learn as well.

Project originators were Mrs. Zimmerman with Mona Sams, OTR, under the direction of Mrs. Wilhelmson.

Other members of the team with Mrs. Duncan, who set up the behavior modification techniques, include Mrs. Bobby Wagonmaker, an aide; Mrs. Robert Leach, OTR; and Glenna Moore, therapy aide.

The project involved designing and adapting equipment and remodeling classrooms to create exceptionalized environment for severely disabled children to help them progress through the development stages making each step fun for the child, Mrs. Zimmerman said.

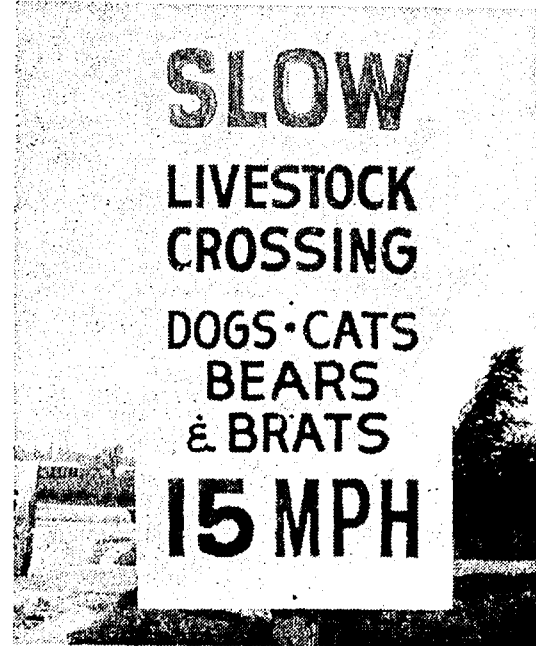
Colors had to be used carefully, she said, in identifying various learning stations.

In one instance a water bed is utilized to help a youngster who might not otherwise use her arm because it is not as strong as the other. The simple process of rolling over becomes a valuable exercise for her.

Special equipment was made by Lou Filstrup and Andy Pierce, volunteer engineering consultants. An example of special devices they made was substituting extra large buttons

for an educational tool in which youngsters identify similar objects.

Another device is a control board that will operate a record player or film projector when two pedals are pressed. A youngster with one hand that needs more exercise will have to press both levers in order to operate the sound or film players.



WARNING IS SUFFICIENT: Route to Eaton Park in St. Joseph township is guarded by this sign located on Arbor street at Dell street. There is no shortage of dogs and cats, the "Bears" are two legged ones attending St. Joseph Public schools and "brats" according to neighbors are unidentified but very evident in neighborhood. (Staff Photo)

Five Under Suspicion

St. Joseph Det. Lt. William Mihalik said today the prosecutor's office has been presented with evidence against five young men in connection with tampering with school buses in the St. Joseph high school parking lot.

Mihalik declined to release names of the suspects, pending the filing of formal charges. Drive shafts reportedly were removed from two buses on May 19 and six buses on May 28.

New Ballfields Coming To Benton Twp. Park

The Benton township park will soon be graced with a new baseball and softball field, partly due to a grant of \$10,000 to the township from the local Model Cities program.

The township board of trustees last night unanimously voted to accept the grant, and thanked the Benton Harbor-Benton township Model Cities Director, Ben Davis, for his efforts to procure the funds.

Township Atty. F.A. (Mike) Jones said construction on the lighted facilities should begin in two or three weeks, as bids for the project are presently being

reviewed.

He estimated the total cost of the project would be in the neighborhood of \$53,000, with \$28,000 supplied by the State Department of Natural Resources, and the rest coming from the Benton township general fund.

Jones said Model Cities will pay \$5,000 when the project is at the half-way point, and the rest on completion of the fields. He added the formal contract should be signed in "the next two or three days."

Benton township park is located on Zollar drive and the St. Joseph river.

Trustees also authorized Township Supervisor Martin J. Lane to sign a contract with St. Joseph township on a water main agreement for Benton residents residing on Colfax avenue.

Jones explained that Benton township will pay the \$775 lateral benefit fee (tap-in fee) as each house connects to the water line. Benton township will also split the cost 50-50 with St. Joseph township for the 15 fire hydrants along Colfax.

The affected area is on Colfax from the city limits to Jakway. Trustees entered into contract with St. Joseph township since St. Joseph township already has

a water main along Colfax, and Benton does not.

Trustees also approved a planning commission recommendation that all township-issued licenses be approved, with the stipulation from Treasurer James Cully that all the licensees must be current in their personal property taxes. The licenses include used car lots, used furniture dealers, auto

wrecking yards.

In other business, the board received a letter of gratitude from the board of trustees of Mercy hospital for proposed improvements to the 1300 block of Union street, which borders the hospital. The City of Benton Harbor will seek bids for the improvements in the near future, as it is a joint effort by the township and city.

LAWPAC

Name Butzbaugh To New Lawyer Panel

Benton Harbor Atty. Elden W. Butzbaugh, Sr., has been named to the board of directors of a newly formed political action organization called LAW PAC.

LAW PAC is organized to raise campaign money within the legal profession to support candidates for state public offices, particularly candidates for the Legislature.

Money raised within LAW PAC will be given to candidate who will give the legal profession "effective advocacy" on legislation, according to A.D. Ruegsegger, chairman. He added money will not be given to candidates for judicial or federal offices.

LAW PAC will not engage in lobbying, Ruegsegger said. That activity will be left to the Michigan Bar Association which is prohibited from contributing money to candidates. Letters concerning LAW PAC have been sent to all Michigan lawyers, asking them to join, Ruegsegger stated.

High Honors At U-M For Ex-BH Man

Michael E. Burnoski, formerly of Benton Harbor, was graduated last month magna cum laude from University of Michigan with a degree in chemical engineering. He will be employed by Westinghouse at Pittsburgh. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Burnoski.

Hiring At Courthouse Called Discriminatory

Not Enough Blacks, Berrien Commissioner Says

BY BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

A black Berrien county commissioner Tuesday rapped fellow commissioners and some county department heads for what he called "systematic discrimination on the part of the county" in hiring and appointments.

Commissioner Bill Joseph of Benton Harbor reported his study of courthouse-only hiring showing 36 nonwhites among 287 employees — a ratio of 12.5 per cent. He also said there were 3 nonwhites among 87 members — a ratio of 3.4 per cent — on boards and commissions appointed by county commissioners. Joseph said he feels his study shows "systematic

discrimination on the part of the county" and he called for changes, among them:

—That commissioners implement an "affirmative action program" to assure minorities of a place in the county work force at all levels.

—That commissioners become more sensitive to "economic injustice" suffered by blacks and other minorities.

—That commissioners establish on-job training for blacks and other minorities.

—And that commissioners presently on the 13 boards appointed by commissioners resign so their slots can be filled by minorities.

Some commissioners pointed out that the percentage of nonwhites in the courthouse at St. Joseph is approximately the same or higher than the county's estimated nonwhite population. They said the nonwhite percentage would go higher yet if Berrien General Hospital, county road commission and Berrien sheriff's department were included.

Joseph said his study wasn't aimed at percentages and added he's sure there are qualified and trainable black in Berrien who could work in the courthouse.

Chairman Edward Mattix suggested that Joseph present his recommendations to his committee, the planning and social services committee, for further consideration.

Also Tuesday, county commissioners created the posts of county courts administrator and county personnel director; gave final approval for multimillion dollar water project jobs in St. Joseph city and Lincoln township, and gave final adoption to a revised county employee pension plan, among others.

The salary figure for the important new post of courts ad-

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COMMISSIONER BILL JOSEPH
Says Berrien Hiring Biased

South Haven Voters Get Many Choices

SOUTH HAVEN — A flurry of last-minute filings for South Haven elective offices yesterday has created races for the office of mayor and all three aldermanic seats at stake in this year's election Nov. 6.

Only four persons had filed prior to yesterday, the last day to get on the ballot. Nine persons entered their names into the various races before the deadline including three women. A woman has never held an elective office in the South Haven city government.

The South Haven election will be non-partisan for the first time. Voters abolished the partisan party requirement with a city charter amendment in 1970. Primary runoffs Aug. 7 will

be required for the first and third ward council seats. Five persons have filed for the first ward position while three candidates are seeking the third ward seat. Two candidates are after both the office of mayor and the second ward council seat.

Incumbent Mayor Richard Lewis announced yesterday afternoon that he would not be a candidate for re-election. Lewis has served as mayor the past five years.

Candidates for mayor will be Mrs. Betty Davis, 55, of 820 Monroe Blvd., and third ward councilman Robert Warren of 310 North Shore drive.

Incumbent first ward councilman Douglas Wattrick, 37, of 21 Chippewa court is seeking his second four year term. Wattrick is manager of survey research for the Whirlpool Corp. He will be challenged by Blane Frankowiak, 29, of 317 Lyons street, a guitar instructor at the Music Box store in South Haven; Michael Howe, 26, of 54 Elkenburg street, a case worker for the department of social services in Berrien county; Wilbur Ingraham, 56, of 614 Maple street, owner of the Maple Street grocery; and Mrs. Frances Sholes, 51, of 51 Cass street, a housewife.

The second ward will have a new representative after the November general election. Alderman Tom Renner, who last week had indicated he would seek re-election, withdrew his petition yesterday. Seeking Renner's seat will be James Cramer, 41, of 456 Bailey street, owner of Jim's Wrecker Service & Repair of South Haven and Norvan Books, 47, of 414 Pearl street, owner of Books Home Furniture of South Haven.

Incumbent third ward alder-



Mrs. Betty Davis

Robert Warren

Douglas Wattrick

Blane Frankowiak



Michael Howe

Wilbur Ingraham

Mrs. Frances Sholes

James Cramer



Norvan Books

Matthew Goerg

Edward Raczynski

Mrs. Rita Ollgaard

man Matthew Goerg, 64, of 280 Oak street, will be seeking his second term. Goerg owns a marina in South Haven. He will be challenged by Edward Raczynski, 51, of 1065 Court place,

district representative for Modern Woodman of America Fraternal Life Insurance company 25 and Mrs. Rita Ollgaard, of 507 Kalamazoo street, a housewife.

800 Live Mink Reported Stolen

MARCELLUS — Theft of 800 live black mink with an estimated value of \$8,000-\$10,000 was reported yesterday to Cass sheriff's department.

According to deputies, the 10-week-old mink were taken from the Charles King farm, Finch road at East street, Marcellus, sometime between 5 p.m. Monday and 6:30 a.m. yesterday.

A \$1,000 reward has been offered by King for information leading to the successful apprehension and conviction of the thieves, deputies reported.

Van Buren Commissioners Set Vote On Deputy Pact

BY STEVE McQUOWN
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — Van Buren county commissioners decided here last night to vote July 10 on whether to ratify a proposed contract with unionized sheriff's deputies.

The decision came at the conclusion of a three-hour meeting with Sheriff Richard Stump who had asked last week for a delay in the ratification.

Last night's discussion appeared to produce no major changes in the contract offered to the county board a week ago.

There were some minor wording changes which must now be taken up with union officials, along with clarification of some contract phrases, commissioners said.

Stump said he also wants to discuss the proposed contract with others when he attends the state sheriff's association conclave at Petoskey next week.

BARRED FROM DISCUSSION

Several deputies who came to last night's meeting were prohibited from sitting through the board's discussion of the contract.

The meeting was open to the public and reporters. While Stump said he was not yet entirely happy with several provisions that seem to deprive him of authority, his main emphasis last night was on obtaining gains for his entire department, not just union deputies.

"I feel it's only right that any benefits gained in the contract you should give to the balance of the employees in the department," Stump said.

If the proposed contract is ratified by the board, the sheriff and the deputies, most of the "gains" this year will be in the form of fringe and policy benefits.

There are no scheduled salary changes for the rest of 1973, nor any proposed changes in medical insurance plans.

Neither the sheriff nor the county board has put any cost es-

timates on what signing the contract will cost county taxpayers now and in the future.

GAINS FOR DEPUTIES

But among the gains the deputies are scheduled to receive are:

- A dollar-a-day for carrying a weapon off-duty.
- A written policy for appealing demotions and discipline.
- Eleven paid holidays, one more than they have now.
- Longevity pay which they do not now have.
- An eight-hour-day, including lunch period.
- The county will now assume the cost of purchasing badges, cameras, handcuffs, clipboards, flashlights, uniforms, diving equipment, and other equipment necessary to the job that deputies previously purchased.
- A uniform maintenance fee of \$120 per year which deputies did not have before.
- Double time for diving (for bodies, etc.) during work hours.
- Over-time pay.
- A written policy on citations for meritorious service.

Mrs. Casselman Named Treasurer At New Buffalo

NEW BUFFALO — Appointment of Mrs. Barbara Casselman, 321 Thompson street, as city treasurer, effective July 1, was approved last night by the New Buffalo city council.

Mrs. Casselman, 42, who is employed in the city clerk's office and also served briefly on the city council in 1972 on appointment of Gov. William Milliken after the successful recall of two councilmen, will replace Mrs. Burnette Nichols, who is retiring June 30. New treasurer's salary was not set.

Bobby Rodgers, who was assistant treasurer and was being trained for the treasurer's position, moved out of the city two weeks ago, council was told.

In other business, council accepted resignations of George Sleetha from the zoning board of appeals and Lelroy Goodenough, wastewater treatment plant operator.

Council also discussed street improvement program methods with Keith Gridley, mayor of Three Oaks, who explained the village's 15-year program, and heard a report from City manager Bernard Taylor that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers condemnation proceedings for land needed to proceed with the city refuge harbor project have been filed in U.S. district court in Grand Rapids.

The Corps of Engineers in a letter to the city said that Zave Gussen, Lincolnwood, Ill., owner of the property, has until Oct. 1 to remove any equipment he has on the land, indicating that construction on the harbor will not begin until after that date, Taylor reported.

Taylor also said that repairs to the Galien river bridge have been estimated at \$5,000.

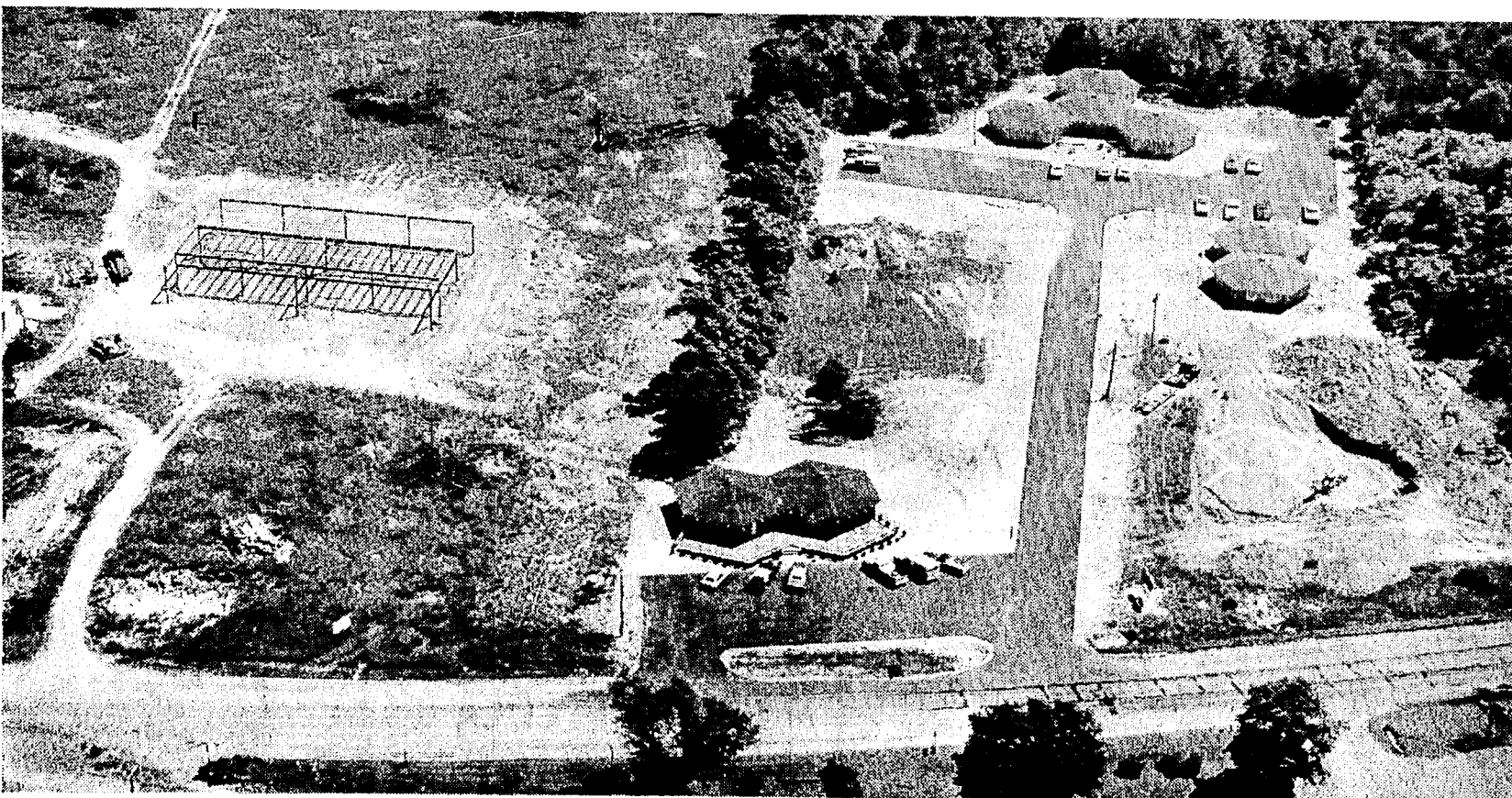
Council voted to pay \$6,000 to G.L. Wightman and Associates, St. Joseph, for study of a long-range street improvement program and also \$2,500 to James Pollack, engineer, as the city's share of studies on the proposed Galien river sanitary sewer district.

Council granted the request of George Maly that the city open Barton street between Clay and Washington streets to provide access to property he owns. The road will be provided at the city's convenience.

The city manager was authorized to seek bids on the city's current street improvement program.



MRS. BARBARA CASSELMAN
Appointed treasurer



COLOMA DEVELOPMENTS: Construction has started on one new commercial development on Red Arrow highway just east of Coloma and is continuing on another. At left, steel framework has been erected for first building of planned \$4 million shopping mall being developed by James Hipkind

of Coloma and Joseph Leto Sr. of St. Joseph. Mall eventually is to have 28 businesses. At far right, excavation is underway for pharmacy that will be part of Tala Medical and Business center. Other buildings in Tala center are Nadeau Real Estate

agency, center bottom; four-unit Coloma Medical center and two-unit dentist offices, top right. Tala center, costing \$240,000, is being developed by Phillip Nadeau and Dr. Rolando Fajardo, both of Coloma. (Aerial photo by Adolph Hann)